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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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PATENT

Applicant: David S. Bonalle, et al.

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Title: BIOMETRIC SAFEGUARD METHOD FOR USE WITH A SMARTCARD

REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Commissioner:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on December 15, 2005, wherein this Reply is timely filed within the two-month period for receiving an Advisory Action, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.